Nuclear Programme of Pakistan

789. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan is likely to achieve self-reliance in nuclear programme as has been reported in a section of the Press;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to take some steps to achieve self-sufficiency in nuclear power; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) From various reports, it appears that Pakistan is making efforts to achieve a greater degree of self-reliance in its nuclear programme.

(b) Pakistan has set up an enrichment plant. It is also operating a 5 MW research reactor at Islamabad and a 125 MW nuclear power plant at Karachi. It is setting up plants for upgradation of heavy water and fuel fabrication. However, it is not yet in a position to construct its own nuclear power reactor.

(c) India has already demonstrated self-sufficiency in nuclear technology in a wide spectrum of areas, including power reactors. India is now in a position to expand its nuclear power programme for enhancing the total quantity of electricity generated from nuclear resources.

(d) At present there are 7 nuclear power reactors operaitng, producing approximately 1500 MW of nuclear power. Seven more are under construction and a few more are planned. This will enable us to significantly enhance production of electricity from our nuclear resources.

Parking Facilities in Delhi

790. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that pedestrian way/footpath has not been laid so far on the Munirka Marg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to parking of vehicles on both sides of the road, especially near Modern Bazar and Vasant Continental Hotel, the pedestrians, especially children, are put to lot of inconvenience;

(c) whether the parking is maintained by M/s. Modern Bazar;

(d) whether it has been permitted by appropriate authorities; if so, the details thereof and under what provision of law;

(e) whether Modern Bazar have been authorised to put up sign-boards of their choice in the name of Delhi Traffic police, if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government are aware that a particular concern is benefited from this parking;

(g) whether Government have a proposal to lay the pedestrians way on the Munirka Marg; and

(h) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Delhi Police has reported that the pedestrian movement on this stretch is local and not heavy and that no complaint has been made to the traffic police about inconvenience to the pedestrians due to parking on this stretch.

(c) to (f) For facilitating the customers/commuters, including foreigners especially to Vasant Lok Shopping Complex, in parking their vehicles on both sides of Munirka Marg, the traffic police started the parking lot after due demarcation. The Delhi Police have reported that they have not authorised anyone to display sign-boards.